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SLUDGE TREATMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2001.

REMARKS

The Examiner asserts that in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,370,235 (Suzuki) it would have been obvious for someone skilled in the art of sludge treatment to combine both ozonation and mechanical stirring in the treatment of the return sludge. In Suzuki's patent, ozonation and mechanical stirring